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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. NEWT GINGRICH

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY DR. NEWT GINGRICH, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT WEST GEORGIA COLLEGE. GINGRICH, WHO HAS RUN TWICE FOR CONGRESS IN GEORGIA, IS WORKING ON A NOVEL ABOUT A SOVIET CONVENTIONAL ATTACK ON WESTERN EUROPE AND SAYS HE IS "INTERESTED IN THE POLITICAL, DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY RAMIFICATIONS OF THAT SCENARIO." HE WILL BE TRAVELING IN GERMANY AND BELGIUM IN JUNE, ACCOMPANIED DURING WEEK OF JUNE 6-11 BY DR. STEVE HANSER, A STUDENT OF GERMAN MILITARY HISTORY. GINGRICH SAYS THE ARMY HAS INDICATED IT WILL ARRANGE A SERIES OF INTER-VIEWS FOR HIM IN THE 7TH ARMY AREA.

2. GINGRICH HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING INTERVIEWS WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY. SPECIFICALLY, HE HAS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOW-
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ING BE ARRANGED FOR HIM:

"MONDAY, JUNE 6 - BRIEFINGS IN BONN ON GERMAN GOVERNMENT-MILITARY RELATIONS, THE CHAIN OF COMMAND, THE GERMAN ANALYSIS OF SOVIET CAPABILITIES, AN OVERVIEW OF THE GERMAN MILITARY STRUCTURE.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7 - INTERVIEWS WITH OFFICERS AND MEN IN THE TERRITORIAL ARMY, PREFERABLY AT TWO LOCATIONS SO WE COULD SAMPLE DIFFERENT UNITS.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 - A VISIT TO THE GERMAN ARMORED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATE INTERVIEWS.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 - A VISIT TO A LUFTWAFFE BASE WITH INTERVIEWS.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10 - A VISIT TO A GERMAN UNIT NEAR HAMBURG AND CLOSE TO THE FRONTIER.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 - A VISIT TO THE FULDA DAP AREA (I BELIEVE THIS IS THE U.S. ELEVENTH CAVALRY REGIMENT)."

3. WE HAVE ADVISED GINGRICH THAT THE TOPIC ON WHICH HE IS WRITING IS A SENSITIVE ONE WHICH IS LIKELY TO CAUSE APPREHENSION IN THE FRG. WE ARE ALSO ADVISING HIM THAT, WHILE WE ARE FORWARDING HIS REQUEST TO BONN, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHAT CAN BE ARRANGED.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO COOPERATE WITH GINGRICH IN SETTING UP PROGRAM OF BRIEFINGS AND VISITS HE DESIRES, BUT ONLY TO EXTENT YOU DEEM IT APPROPRIATE AND ADVISABLE. IN ANY CASE, YOU SHOULD STRESS TO THOSE CONCERNED THAT HIS PROJECT IS ENTIRELY PERSONAL AND HAS NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER WITH THE USG. CHRISTOPHER

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